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EXPANSION OF USSR ELECTRIC POWER POTENTIAL

USSR POWER PLANTS EXCEED PLANS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 4, 6 Jan 49

D. Zhimerin, Minister of Electric Power Plants USSR, reports, in a letter to Stalin, that the electric power plants of the Ministry completed the annual plan for generation of electric power on 26 December with an increase of 16.6 percent over 1947 in the amount of power generated. The following power systems exceeded the annual plan by 28 December: Ural, Moscow, Khabarsk, Dneprovsk, Gor'kiy, Novosibirsk, Stalingrad, Karaganda, and a number of others. Electric power plants in 1948 saved above the plan more than 400,000 tons of coal and 100 million kilowatt-hours of electric power (for their own requirements). Reduction in costs saved more than 200 million rubles in 11 months. The capacity of the electric power plants, from new facilities, increased 30 percent over 1947. Peat enterprises of the Ministry fulfilled the 1948 plan for peat mining 102 percent.

POWER PLANTS FULFILL JANUARY PLAN -- Kommunist, No 30, 6 Feb 49

The Ministry of Power Plants USSR fulfilled the January plan for production of electric power. Generation of electric power increased 16.5 percent over January 1948. The following power systems surpassed the January plan: Ural, Donbass, Khabarsk, Baku, Georgia, Armenia.

MINE POWER PLANT NEARS COMPLETION -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 4, 6 Jan 49

A new electric power plant is near completion at the Agniye-Afanas'yevskiy Mine in Nizhne-Amur Oblast. The completion of the power plant will double the power capacity of the enterprise and permit further mechanization of labor-consuming processes.

Khabarovsk Electric Plant BEATS PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 1, 1 Jan 49

The Khabarovsk Electric Power Plant (director, F. Kolbin) completed the

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annual 1948 plan for generation of electric power 30 days ahead of schedule. The plant realized nearly one million rubles in above-plan profits by decreasing production costs.

UZBEK SSR EXPANDS ELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES -- Stalinskoye Znaniya, No 1, Jan 49 --

Power engineers of Uzbek SSR must complete and put into operation in 1949 two units of the second section of the Farkhad GES, the Nizhne-Bozsuyskaya GES, and 2 units of the Shaarikhan GES No 6. The Shaarikhan GES is being built to supply electric power to the petroleum industry in Andizhan Oblast and other enterprises and to permit electrification of agriculture in Fergana Valley. Work on the GES should be completely finished in 1949. Construction workers have already removed more than 500,000 cubic meters of earth, have poured nearly 14,000 cubic meters of concrete, and have prepared and assembled 300 tons of steel structure and high-voltage transmission lines from the GES to Andizhan. Ya. Fligel'man, construction chief of the Shaarikhan GES, reports that the project will receive 2 large electric excavators, more than 35 trucks, locomotives, and motor rail cars for narrow- and wide-gauge railroads, and other construction equipment in 1949.

PRIMORSKIY KRAY EXTENDS RURAL ELECTRIFICATION -- Krasnoye Znaniya, No 4, 6 Jan 49

The Primorskiy Krai Rural Electrification Office has announced the results of the rural electrification program for 1948. In the past year, 26 kolkhozes, 9 MTSs, 2 sovkhoses, and the rayon center of Mikhaylovka have been provided with electrical facilities. Also 28 steam-electric and one hydroelectric power plant and 5 transformer substations have been built by the "popular" construction method. A total capacity of 590 kilowatts has been added to existing power plants. The installation of 119 motors in the newly electrified kolkhozes and MTSs has put many types of farm machinery into operation.

LENINGRAD HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE COMPLETED -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 33, 10 Feb 49

An 11-kilometer, high-voltage transmission line, which connects the Fornosovskiy Peat Briquette Plant with Antropshino, has been completed. The new line will soon be tied into the Lenenergo network.

LENINGRAD POWER SYSTEM EXTENDED -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 31, 8 Feb 49

Siuditsy -- The most remote kolkhozes of Parlovskiy Rayon, namely, "Porozhek," "Khaymno," and "Savkino," have recently been supplied with electric lights. Enterprises of the city of Pushkin greatly assisted kolkhoz workers.

VIL'NYUS TO BUILD NEW HEAT AND POWER PLANT -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 30, 5 Feb 49

According to a government decree, construction of a heat and power plant in Vil'nyus is being started. The new TETs will operate on peat. Temporary installations, warehouses, etc., are now being erected at the site of the future plant. The foundation of the main building will be laid during February.

LITHUANIA TO BUILD NEW HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 29, 5 Feb 49

Plans for a hydroelectric power plant on the Nemun River have been completed. It will be built near Kaunas, in the region of Petrashyunay. The first large hydroelectric power plant in the Republic will completely solve the problem of power supply for the largest industrial center of Soviet Lithuania.

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The plan provides for the construction of a large water reservoir in the region of Petrashynay, which will considerably improve river navigation on the Neiman from Raunas to the Baltic Sea. A resort and park area will be created along the shores of the water reservoir.

BELORUSSIA GETS NEW HYDROELECTRIC PLANT -- Sovetskaya Belorussia, No 25, 5 Feb 49

Construction of a hydroelectric plant on the Usha River, Baranovichi Oblast, was started last fall. Komsomol members and peasants from surrounding villages took an active part in the work. Construction of the main building, as well as installation of turbines, transformers, and high-voltage transmission line masts has been completed. In the next few days the Usha GES will supply electricity to the town of Mir, the kolkhoz village of Radun', the settlement of Usha, the village of Troshchitsy, and other inhabited places.

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